(c) Out of 8603 hectares of land estimated to be acquired for ongoing projects under NHDP, 6412 hectare of land (74.5%) had already been acquired as on 30th June, 2003. The process of acquisition of remaining land (2191 hectares) is in progress.

(d) and (e) The procedure for appraisal for sanction of project by multi-lateral funding agencies takes some time. Efforts are made through discussion and negotiation to reduce the time taken to the extent possible.

National Highways in Orissa

561. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and total length of National Highways in Orissa, as on date, alongwith total amount allotted for development of National Highways in Orissa during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have received any fresh proposal for conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Orissa during the current year; and

(c) if so, what is the target of completion of four lane road from Chennai to Kolkata ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) There are 12 numbers of National Highways having total length of 3175 km. in the State of Orissa. The allocations during last five years are:

Years	Amount Allocated (in Rs. crore)
1998-1999	40.00
1999-2000	38.50
2000-2001	67.04
2001-2002	60.00
2002-2003	44.00

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Completion of four laning in respect of Chennai-Kolkata section on National Highway No. 5 is targeted for substantial completion by December, 2004.